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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	97L212A
First Inventor	Boffa
Title	Oil Compositions with Syn
Express Mail Label No.	ET691282693US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 16]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 9]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - ii. Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney *(when there is an assignee)*
11. English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/026,549.....

Prior application information:

Examiner J. HowardArt Unit: 1764For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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Application Number	10/026,549
Filing Date	January 27, 2004
First Named Inventor	Boffa
Examiner Name	J. Howard
Art Unit	1764
Attorney Docket No.	97L212A

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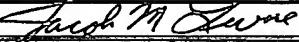
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Docket No.: 97L212A)
 In re) Before the Examiner
 Application of: Boffa et al.)
 Serial No.: 10/026,549) J. Howard
 Filed: December 19, 2001)
 For: OIL COMPOSITIONS WITH) Group Art Unit No.
 SYNTHETIC BASE OILS) 1764

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Sir:

[X] The undersigned hereby certifies having information and a reasonable basis for belief that this correspondence will be deposited as first-class mail with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on January 30, 2004.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any changes in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid for	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7)
Total Claims	15	Minus	20	0	x \$18.00	0.00
Indep. Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$88.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$290.00	0.00
FEES FOR CLAIM CHANGES						0.00

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The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

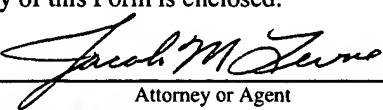
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2003.
Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is requested in view of the following remarks:

The present application is an application for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,235,691, issued May 12, 2001. It is again submitted that, in view of the position presented in the Office Action, it is apparent that the present reissue application has not been examined in accordance with applicable rules and procedures. Applicants therefore request that the rejection presented in the Office Action be withdrawn, and that the application be accorded further, proper consideration.

First, applicants wish to acknowledge that the position set forth in the Response mailed March 21, 2003 was incorrect; an error that arose, without deceptive attempt due to reliance on outdated version of 37 CFR 1.176. Applicants apologize for the error, and any confusion said error may have caused.

The present reissue application contains claims 1 through 15. Claims 1 through 11 are identical to claims 1 through 11, respectively, of the original patent. Claims 12 through 15 are directed to a distinct embodiment of the claimed invention, which was clearly disclosed in the specification of the application that matured into the original patent, but was never claimed. The

“error” that applicants are attempting to correct is the failure to claim subject matter that was disclosed, and could have been claimed in the original application, but was not.

The rejection of the reissue application, as it presently stands, is based on the following line of reasoning:

- a) newly presented claims 12 through 15 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention described in claims 1 through 11 (the claims of the originally issued patent), and are subject to restriction;
- b) because claims 1 through 11 were prosecuted in the original application, applicants have made a “constructive election of the subject matter of claims 1 through 11 and claims 12 through 15 can therefore be considered withdrawn; and
- c) upon withdrawal of claims 12 through 15, the reissue application becomes identical to the issued patent and that the reissue patent therefore fails to correct any error in the original patent, and is improper (based on an improper oath/declaration).

Issue is not taken with the fact that claims 12 through 15 may be subject to restriction, or that it is proper to consider claims 1 through 11 constructively elected by applicants. However, applicants submit that the withdrawal of claims 12 through 15 does not render the reissue application “improper”. In this regard, applicants point to MPEP Section 1450, which instructs that:

“Claims elected pursuant to a restriction requirement will receive a complete examination on the merits, while the non-elected claims (to any added invention(s)) will be held in abeyance in a withdrawn status, and will only be examined if filed in a divisional reissue application. If the reissue application containing only original unamended claims becomes allowable first (and no “error” under 35 U.S.C. 251 exists), further action in that reissue application will be suspended to await examination in the divisional reissue application(s) containing the added claims. The Office will not allow claims in a reissue application which does not correct any error in the original patent. Once a divisional reissue application containing the added claims is examined and becomes allowable, the examiner will rejoin the two sets of examined and allowed claims into a single reissue application for issuance. Unless applicant requests to the contrary prior to the examiner’s rejoinder of the claims, the claims will be rejoined in the first reissue application (containing the pending original patent claims), and the divisional reissue application will be held abandoned.” (emphasis added)

In view of the above, applicants submit that claims 1 through 11 of the present reissue application must be examined. For the reasons set forth during the prosecution of the original

application, applicants submit that the subject matter of claims 1 through 11 distinguishes over the prior art, and that the reissue application should be allowed. Applicants are, concurrent with the filing of this paper, filing a divisional application claiming the subject matter of withdrawn claims 12 through 15. Assuming that the present reissue application is deemed allowable, said application should then be held in abeyance until the claims of the divisional application are examined and found to contain allowable subject matter, at which point the claims can be rejoined into a single reissue application.

Respectfully submitted,



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